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Sniping empties Beirut's center

BEIRUT, July 31 (Agencies) — Sniper fire echoed through the deserted center of Beirut Tuesday after heavy fighting between Syrian troops and right-wing Lebanese militias.

An overnight clash with mortars, rockets and heavy machineguns died down in the early hours, but eyewitnesses said bursts of automatic rifle fire were continuing.

The right-wing Falangist radio said a man and his son were wounded during the fighting in the central commercial district, a shell-torn no-man's land since the two sides battled in the capital last October.

The battle was centered on the port area and the commercial district, main combat zones in the 1975-76 civil war which brought Syrian troops to Lebanon.

Red tracers criss-crossed the night sky and the area was lit up by the bright flashes of exploding shells. Reports of casualties were not immediately available.

The death of a port worker, killed by sniper fire earlier Monday, was thought to have sparked the fighting.

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CAIRO, July 31 (AP) — Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hasani Ali arrived here Tuesday from Israel after three days of meetings and talks with Defense Minister Ezer Weizman which Ali said "included everything I would like to see and hear."

Though Ali was critical of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank during a tour of the

Israeli killed in stolen bus on West Bank

TEL AVIV, July 31 (AP) — A 28-year-old man returning from army reserve duty in the occupied West Bank was murdered Monday night after accepting a lift on a stolen bus, a police spokesman said Tuesday.

Passing soldiers discovered the bus with body of Yitzhak Trumper abandoned near the Palestinian town of Kalkilya in the occupied West Bank, 15 miles northeast of Tel Aviv.

the clash, which began at sundown in Beirut's deserted commercial district.

Falangists fielded the largest Christian militia in the country's 1975-76 sectarian conflict against a coalition of Muslims and Palestinians.

In southern Lebanon, the Palestine Liberation Organization accused Israeli gunners Monday of intermittently shelling scattered locations in the Tyre area.

The PLO news agency WAFA said the Palestinian refugee camp of Rashidiyah, 86 kilometers south of Beirut, was subjected to an Israeli artillery barrage as of noon Monday. The report said gunners also lobbed shells at scattered locations in the Tyre area.

No casualties were reported. Lebanese officials did not comment on the report.

The port city of Tyre, 80 kilometers south of Beirut, houses three Palestinian refugee camps on its southern, eastern and northern edges. Rashidiyah camp has 13,000 Palestinian refugees registered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

The U.N. spokesman said Irish, Norwegian and Nepalese UNIFIL troops had come under mortar and heavy machinegun fire from "de facto forces," the U.N. term for the right-wing militias, during the past 48 hours but there were no casualties.

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area on Monday, he said there were "no problems" between him and Weizman and said the two had reached complete understanding.

"For the time being, there are no more difficulties of problems to be solved," Ali said after a military ceremony at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion airport.

A joint communique issued after the ceremony said Ali and Weizman discussed the implementation of the military annex to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in "a frank, constructive and amicable spirit."

"Both sides understand the treaty and have undertaken to respect and fulfill its terms," read the communique.

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IN EXILE: Shafiq Bakhtiar climbs into his car after holding a news conference in Paris Tuesday.

From exile

Bakhtiar lashes Iran

PARIS, July 31 (R) — Former Iranian Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar emerged from seclusion Tuesday after disappearing during the February Iranian revolution that religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini would set up a dictatorship.

Bakhtiar told a press conference in a southern Paris hotel that predictions he made before the Iranian revolution that religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini would set up a dictatorship were coming true.

"But I do not foresee the magnitude of the speed," Bakhtiar said.

Bakhtiar disappeared in Tehran during the battle which brought Ayatollah Khomeini out of exile and back to lead the Iranian revolution. He was appointed prime minister by the Shah shortly before the monarch went into exile January.

Bakhtiar Tuesday refused to reveal any details of his departure from Iran or where he had been staying.

There was to be a minimum of discretion for the people who helped me," he said.

Bakhtiar said he had no contact with either the Shah or his successor as Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, but he said he had supporters in Iran with whom he was in communication.

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He said if the situation ever permits his return, he would organize a new referendum on the future form of government.

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DFLP says U.S. trying to keep Arabs inactive

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A DFLP statement said: "This is part of the U.S. policy aimed at the creation of an atmosphere of quiescence in the Arab area instead of developing the boycott of (President) Sadat into a boycott of American imperialism."

American declarations were aimed at dividing Palestinians by classifying them into moderates and extremists.

"They also aim at glossing over and rehabilitating the American imperialist policy in the Middle East," the DFLP said.

Various drafts are known to be

Findley repeats call for PLO meet

By a Staff Writer

Washington Bureau



Paul Findley

WASHINGTON, July 31 — Congressman Paul Findley, the Illinois Republican who has held extensive conversations with Yasir Arafat, has once again attacked the Carter administration for its unwillingness to respond to overtures from the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In remarks inserted into the "Congressional Record" on July 25, Findley said it was "astounding" that the administration "would miss an opportunity to get firsthand the thoughts of a political organization which occupies a critical role" in the Middle East.

The congressman — one of the few members of the House of Representatives willing to commit himself publicly to an American-PLO dialogue — said the PLO was ready to open direct channels of communication with the Carter administration.

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Every two hours

Taif-Jeddah buses run Aug. 8

TAIF, July 31 — The public bus route between Taif and Jeddah will open Aug. 8, and there will be a bus in each direction every two hours.

The decision to open the line, the first inter-city route of the Saudi Public Transport Company, was taken Tuesday at a board meeting of the company chaired by Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri.

The board also decided that the next inter-city route to open would be between Jeddah and Mecca, with a bus in each direction every hour.

From Aug. 13, that line will be a direct run between Jeddah Airport and the Holy Haram in Mecca. The timetable will be planned to coincide with Saudia arrivals.

It was also decided that comprehensive routes in Riyadh, Mecca, Medina, Dammam, Alkhobar, Dharan and Jeddah will be provided within eight months. Services are also envisaged within Mecca during this year's Pilgrimage, and the board discussed plans for that.

"Al-Medina" reported Tuesday that 60 more buses for the company will arrive in the Kingdom Aug. 1 and a further 80 on Sept. 1.

Thereafter SAPTCO will receive 80 buses every month for use inside cities, under a SR148.7 million contract with the West German firm Neoplan for 500 buses.

A separate contract has been signed for the 200 buses to work the inter-city routes, with Daimler-Benz of West Germany. Those buses are to arrive before Oct. 15. The contract is worth SR84.8 million.

A Saudi company is building bus stops in major streets in Riyadh, Jeddah, Mecca, Medina, Taif and Dharan.

The Ministry of Communications and the Municipalities of Jeddah, Mecca and Medina are discussing where to put the stops, and where to site depots, garages and workshops for the buses.

Housing schemes are planned for company personnel and SAPTCO is also renting office premises in each major city for administration.

The first SAPTCO bus ran on Saturday, and they are now serving three routes inside Riyadh. When they are extended, the small



Sheikh Hussein Mansouri

private Japanese buses will be taken off the roads and their drivers somehow compensated.

The SAPTCO buses will charge a flat fare inside towns of SR1.

Against Israeli aggression

Fateh envoy demands help of Arab nation

DAMMAM, July 31 (SPA) — The Fateh representative in Saudi Arabia, Al-Natschi, has warned about the deteriorating situation in South Lebanon and called for an Arab summit to check "barbarous Israeli aggression against Lebanon and Palestinians alike."

In a statement published by the Dammam local newspaper "Al-Yom" Tuesday Al-Natschi regretted that while Israel was resorting to such hooliganism and committing the most savage acts there in a war of annihilation, the Arab nation stood quietly by, arms folded.

He repeated that there will be no bargaining over the principles of the Palestinian soil and a Palestinian state.

There should be more unity among the various factions of the Palestinian resistance.

At the beginning of July Saudi Arabia also gave the society

\$100,000 to help it continue its humanitarian activities.

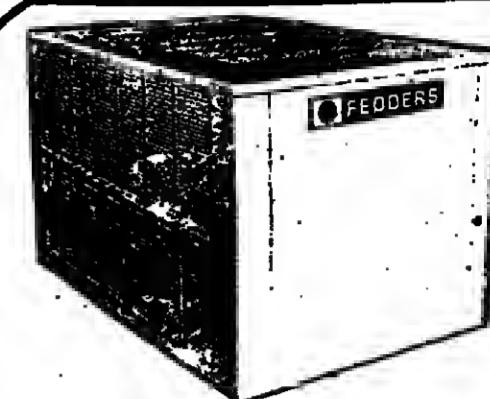
Shaer and Arafat discussed the distribution of food given by Saudi Arabia to Palestinian and Lebanese refugees in South Lebanon.

Later Monday Shaer presented a check for half-a-million Lebanon

ese pounds to the Lebanese Red Cross Society.

They expressed their gratitude and admiration of Saudi Arabia's help to Lebanon.

The check was handed over by Shaer to society representatives, on behalf of the Saudi government.



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77m loss on Iran deals

Report reveals major flaws in U.S. foreign arms sales

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The Defense Department may stick with a more than \$ 177 million in debt because it did not keep up payments on weapons contracts, congressional auditors said Monday.

The auditors said there have been serious problems with the foreign military sales program.

General Accounting, an investigative arm of Congress, said in a report that the Defense Department did not follow its own policy of requiring cuts sufficient to cover all should a country cancel one's contracts as Iran did when the Shah was deposed.

The GAO report said "Defense has experienced serious accounting and financial management problems with respect to the foreign military sales program."

The Pentagon had no comment. The GAO report notes the department is working to avoid loss on the Iran contracts.

primarily by selling the weapons to new customers.

The report recommends the department immediately begin collecting payments from other U.S. weapons purchasers to cover termination costs at any time, and suggests Congress might want to enact such a law.

Even though Iraq would default, the report said, courts "may well" rule that the U.S. government is liable for any unpaid costs to U.S. contractors doing work that Iran contracted.

Because the U.S. government handles all weapons sales to foreign countries, the courts might rule that, in effect, the weapons manufacturers' contract was with the U.S. government rather than Iran.

The GAO auditors said they cannot estimate whether the United States will be stuck with any loss on the Iranian weapons because the Defense Department is trying to sell them to new customers, and reduce the loss in other ways.

It said the \$ 177 million would have been the potential loss if all work on major contracts had been halted as soon as Iran cancelled the contracts.

That is because the Pentagon estimates termination costs would have been at least \$ 217 million but only \$ 640 million was left of Iran's payments on the contracts, the report said.

The Pentagon's own policy requires that the payments be kept up to cover such costs, the report said, but "this policy is not always followed, as in the case of Iran."

Instead of taking the loss, the Pentagon has won congressional approval to buy six missile-firing destroyers for the U.S. Navy after they were canceled by Iran. The Pentagon also is looking for customers for other weapons.

It is also negotiating with Iran on possibly buying back 80 F-14 aircraft sold to the Shah's government.

State Department spokesman Hoddings Carter said Monday the talks had been going on for some weeks in Iran, and the principal issue was price.

The planes were sold to Iran three or four years ago for about \$ 14 million each, plus about \$ 6 million in spares. New F-14's now cost \$ 20 million plus the cost of spares and related equipment.

The present value of the Iranian F-14s would depend on the amount of maintenance they have received.

U.S. announces \$32m arms sale to King Hussein

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The United States plans to sell Jordan six F-5F training fighters along with a variety of weapons for \$ 32 million, the Defense Department told Congress Monday.

Jordan has been buying F-5 fighters from the United States for the past five years, and 83 have already been delivered, with another 21 in production.

The six F-5F planes are two-seat craft, while the other F-5 models in the Jordanian Air Force are single-seat planes.

The Pentagon said that, in addition to training, the six new F-5Fs will give Jordan a moderate increase in air defense capabilities.

Part of the sale will include a 20MM gun for each plane, Sidewinder air-to-air missiles and other ordnance.

The F-5 is built by the Northrop Corp. of Hawthorne, California.



Ahmad Ben Bella

Ben Bella lives in limbo between jail and freedom

M'SILA, Algeria July 31 (AP) — Ahmad Ben Bella, the first president of independent Algeria who was held under arrest for 14 years, now lives in limbo between prison and freedom, keeping a close watch on the events in his country and the world.

In a terse announcement July 4, the Algerian government said it had lifted "measures concerning" the 63-year-old Ben Bella and allowed him to return to his house in the village of M'sila.

Alert, smiling and young looking, the revolutionary leader can be seen coming and going from his house, taking occasional trips by car in the M'sila area.

A beige BMW with red government license plates is parked in front of the villa, reserved for his personal travel, always followed by an armed escort.

At present, the man who had been referred to as "the longest-held political prisoner in the world," has accepted his new status with relative serenity, according to people close to him.

The quiet villa is a definite improvement over the harsh, isolated regime at Chateau Holden Prison near Algiers where he was closely guarded by a battalion of armed men.

At the villa, "friends of the family" filter past the guards to see him. But no foreigners or strangers are allowed. Even his lawyer, Madelaine Lafuc-Vayron, must wait. So do hordes of journalists anxious to talk to him.

For having responded to a few questions by a French radio station, Ben Bella is now forbidden to receive any direct telephone calls. His mail also is censored.

President Bourguiba, who died Dec. 27, reportedly was concerned until the very end about the consequences of freeing Ben Bella, afraid of his popularity with the Algerian people. Bourguiba Chadi, the country's new president, is thought to be willing to move him progressively toward full freedom, no longer regarding him as a possible political opponent.

Third World leaders including Presidents Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia and Fidel Castro of Cuba are believed to have made repeated inquiries about the treatment of Ben Bella, one of the leaders of the clandestine Special Organization of the Algerian People's Party fighting for freedom from France.

Who are these people who daily troop to M'sila in hopes of seeing

Jailed Briton's company denies bribery in Iraq

LONDON, July 31 (AP) — A British company whose managing director is being held in Iraq, reportedly on bribery charges, Monday denied authorizing payments to Iraqi officials.

John Smith, 38-year-old British managing director of the firm Hestair Dennis, was arrested by Iraqi authorities on July 12 after flying to Baghdad on a business trip. His firm makes specialized heavy duty vehicles such as garbage trucks.

An Iraqi News Agency report said Smith, from Guildford in Surrey, was caught red-handed attempting to bribe an unidentified Iraqi official to procure a commercial transaction.

The company would like to confirm that the board of Hestair Dennis has never authorized any payments to officials in Iraq.

A Hestair Dennis official, who declined to be named, said Smith had asked for legal representation and that "every effort" was being made to get him a lawyer.

Millionaire legislator in Israel may be tried for election fraud

TEL AVIV, July 31 (AP) — An Israeli parliament committee recommended Wednesday night that Deputy Samuel Flatto-Sharon be stripped of his parliamentary immunity so he can stand trial on charges of vote-buying during the 1977 election, Israel Radio reported.

Flatto-Sharon, a rich financier, ran for parliament to avoid extradition to France on fraud and tax evasion charges. The parliamentary action would allow the controversial millionaire to stand trial in Israel, but he could not be extradited to France.

According to the state radio, the vote in the parliament's House Committee was 15-4. The full Knesset must approve the recommendation, and a vote was expected Wednesday by secret ballot.

Two months ago, Israel's attorney general concluded a long investigation into the vote-buying allegations and presented Flatto-Sharon with a charge sheet, the equivalent here of an indictment. But legal action could not proceed until parliamentary immunity was lifted.

The felony charge, which Flatto-Sharon has strenuously denied, carries maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$ 1,000 fine.

Israel Radio said Flatto-Sharon responded to the committee's decision by vowing to include in his trial all the actions of political parties since the state was founded.

The 49-year-old financier is a one-man party in parliament and is shunned by many of his colleagues who consider him un-

Self-exiled aide urges Sadat trial

ALGIERS, July 31 (AP) — Egypt's self-exiled former Chief of Staff Saad el Shazly has asked Egyptian officials to prosecute President Anwar Sadat for alleged "crimes" committed during the October 1973 war with Israel.

In a letter to the Egyptian chief prosecutor Gen. Shazly said President Sadat "refused to comply with much good advice" from his senior officers during the war.

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Three-day-old government

Ram challenges Singh to confidence vote

NEW DELHI, July 31 (Agencies) — Indian opposition leader Jagjivan Ram is pressing for a swift confidence vote in parliament because he is confident he can defeat the three-day-old government of Prime minister Charan Singh.

The new government promised Monday to make its impact felt within 100 days, but President Sanjiva Reddy has said it should seek a vote of confidence by the third week of August.

Singh, 76, was to have chaired his first cabinet meeting Tuesday and Finance Minister Hemwati Babuguna said Monday night the government's immediate task was to check inflation, running at about 10 per cent a year.

Singh has said his government will give the highest priority to the fight against poverty and unemployment but some see his first task as surviving in parliament.

Ram said the government should test its strength in parliament at once. He said he could form an administration after Singh's was defeated.

But the chairman of the ruling Janata (Secular) Party questioned the right of the president to direct when a confidence vote should be held and constitutional experts are divided on whether the president's advice is binding.

Singh, who regards himself as a friend of the small farmers and wants to do more for the villages where 80 per cent of Indians live, is waiting to see whether two regional parties will support his administration and possibly join it.

The new government includes a new ministry for rural reconstruction. More than half of India's 650 million people live below the poverty line and the registered number of job seekers was 12.5 million last year.

The prime minister Monday named more of his cabinet, which now totals 19 members and further government appointments are expected shortly.

The cabinet includes three Muslims for the first time.

The oath of office was administered Monday to an additional 10 ministers, including all six who

House-Senate unit drafts compromise on Rhodesia

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — A House-Senate conference committee agreed Monday on compromise legislation that might eventually lead to the lifting of sanctions against Rhodesia.

The compromise language proposed by an unusual coalition of conservatives and liberals requires President Carter to continue "efforts to promote a speedy end to the Rhodesian conflict" and to end sanctions by Nov. 15, unless he finds doing so would be contrary to the national interest.

But the conferees also gave Congress the right to overturn a presidential decision to retain sanctions by a majority vote in both houses.

Sen. Jesse Helms, (R-North Carolina) said the move "sends a clear signal to Zimhahwe

Rhodesia that the United States is dealing in good faith with them and that sanctions soon will be lifted."

Rep. Stephen Solarz, (D-New York) chairman of the House African Affairs Subcommittee, who opposes lifting sanctions immediately, called the compromise "creative and constructive."

"Most important it provides for continuing of sanctions until the president decides it would be in our national interest to lift them," Solarz said.

House aides pointed out that attempts to lift sanctions have been defeated in the House by large margins and that as a result it might well prove difficult to muster even bare majority to overturn a presidential determination that the sanctions should be continued.

The compromise was attached to a \$1.6 billion State Department authorization bill. The conference committee's action must be approved by both houses.

had balked at being sworn in with Singh last Saturday because of disension within the Congress Party, a major coalition partner.

This brought to 69 the strength of the cabinet headed by Prime minister Singh, 76-year-old former country lawyer and rural bloc leader, and Deputy Prime Minister and Home Affairs Minister Y. B. Chavan, 66. Chavan was foreign minister of Mrs. Gandhi's government when it fell in 1977.

Singh and nine others belong to the prime minister's Janata Secular Party, composed of defectors from Desai's fallen Janata Party

habeas corpus.

The new minister of labor is Muhammad Shafi Qureshi, 49, who has represented India at numerous foreign economic conferences and was deputy minister of commerce, steel and heavy engineering and railways under Mrs. Gandhi. He was reportedly included in the cabinet after staging a walkout from a Congress Party caucus last weekend, protesting under-representation of Muslims and other minorities.

Another Muslim, Zulfiquarullah, 66, was named minister of communications. He defected from the post of deputy finance minister in the Desai government.

Rabi Ray, 53, the first top official to defect from the old government, was returned to his post as minister of health.

Another Janata defector, Purushottam Kaushik, 49, assumed the key post of minister of information and broadcasting. He had been minister of civil aviation and tourism, which went to Fazlur Rahman, deputy minister of energy under Desai.

Hitendra Desai, 63, the new commerce minister, is a former chief minister of Gujarat and was minister of public works and housing under Mrs. Gandhi.



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SALT won't 'tranquillize' U.S., Vance tells panel

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said Monday the United States will not be "tranquillized" by the SALT II treaty and will work hard to meet an unfulfilled pledge to increase defense spending by 3 per cent a year.

Even as Vance sought to reassure Senate Armed Service Committee members on defense outlays, one of its senior members, Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. (Independent-Virginia) announced he would vote against the pact as it now stands.

Byrd said he concluded it does not help the security of the United States and its allies, but instead helps the Soviet Union gain strategic superiority.

Vance's declaration came in response to questions by Sen. Sam Nunn, (D-Georgia). Nunn suggested increases in defense spending on the order of 4 to 5 per cent annually after inflation is taken into account.

The newspaper reiterated accusations made by the Foreign Ministry that Satter allegedly violated traffic rules in Moscow "creating thereby potentially dangerous situations," drove without a driver's license and "started a fight" with a militiaman.

The newspaper claimed the incidents are recorded in a report filed by a district of the Department of Internal Affairs.

Satter has denied the charges. "Instead of somehow quieting down and bringing to reason its unbridled correspondent, who obviously discredits it, a respectable British newspaper raises a false cry about intimidation and even accuses Soviet authorities of violating the final act of the 1975 Helsinki conference," "Izvestia" said.

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"The American people will not be tranquillized," Vance declared.

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U.K. urges Soviets to end row over 'harassment' of newsman

LONDON, July 31 (Agencies)

— Britain's Foreign Office Monday called in the Soviet chargé d'affaires to make representations on the case of David Satter, the Moscow correspondent of the "Financial Times," and said the matter had a bearing on Anglo-Soviet relations.

Satter, an American, has worked in Moscow since 1976. This month Soviet authorities told him his accreditation would be renewed only for six weeks. The "Financial Times" has said he has been harassed.

The Foreign Office said Charge d'affaires Vladimir Keline was called to see a senior official, Julian Bullard, to be told that Britain hoped the accreditation problem would be quickly and satisfactorily resolved.

The "Financial Times" in a front page report on July 27 said that Satter had been "a victim of what can only be described as harassment."

Monday Bullard reiterated to Keline that it was essential that Satter was now accorded proper accreditation so he could do his job in reasonable conditions and in accordance with the 1975 Helsinki declaration.

This European security conference declaration on East-West detente and human rights also called

for improvement in the working conditions of foreign journalists in the 35 signatory states.

The Foreign Office said that Bullard also emphasized the importance that Britain attached to the principle of reciprocity in relation to the handling of journalists. Britain proposed to observe this principle.

The Soviet government newspaper "Izvestia" said Monday charges that Soviet authorities were harassing Satter were a "false hullabaloo."

But the newspaper repeated accusations made against Satter, 31, of Chicago by the Soviet Foreign Ministry that he has violated the "laws and social order" of the USSR.

Satter, who has headed his paper's bureau here since 1976, was informed by Soviet authorities this month that his accreditation would be renewed only for six weeks until Aug. 19.

Loss of his accreditation would prevent Satter from working as a Moscow correspondent and be tantamount to expulsion.

The U.S. and British Embassies have separately urged Soviet authorities not to withdraw Satter's accreditation, warning it could lead to retaliatory action against Soviet journalists working in England or the United States.

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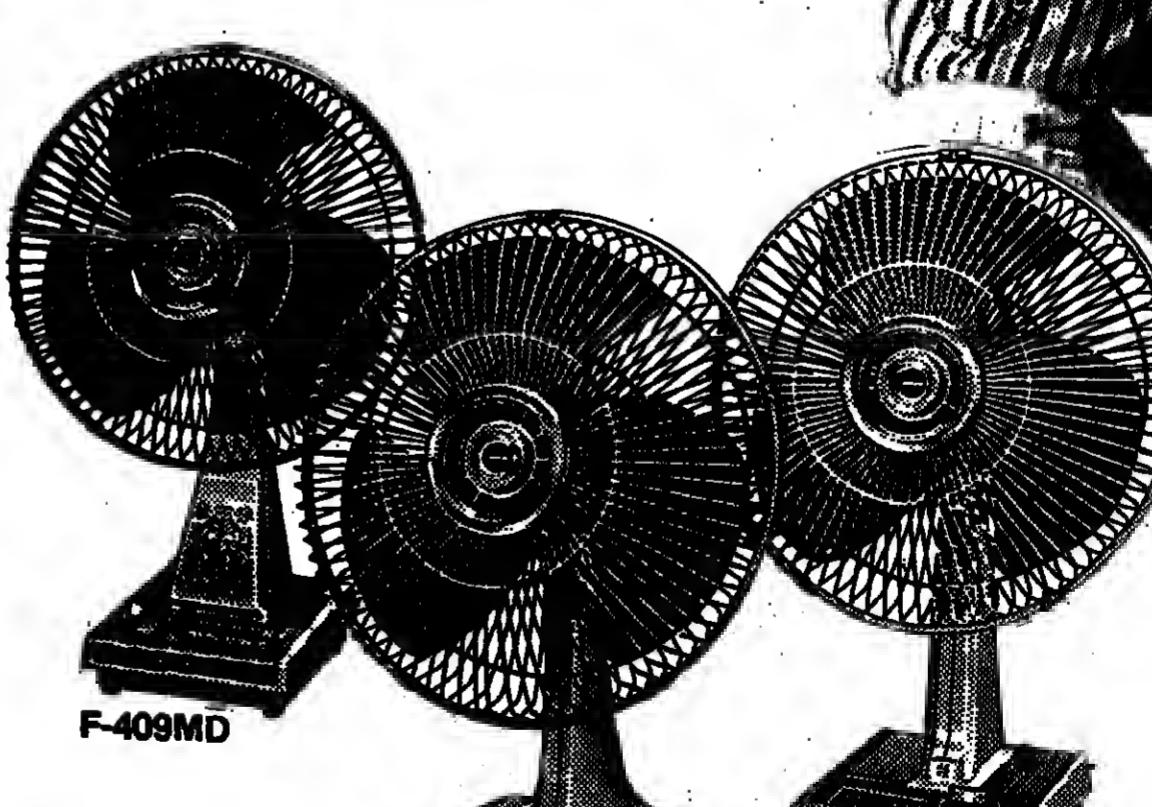
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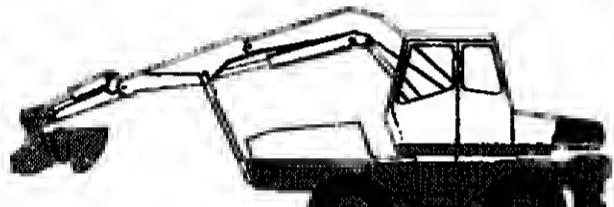
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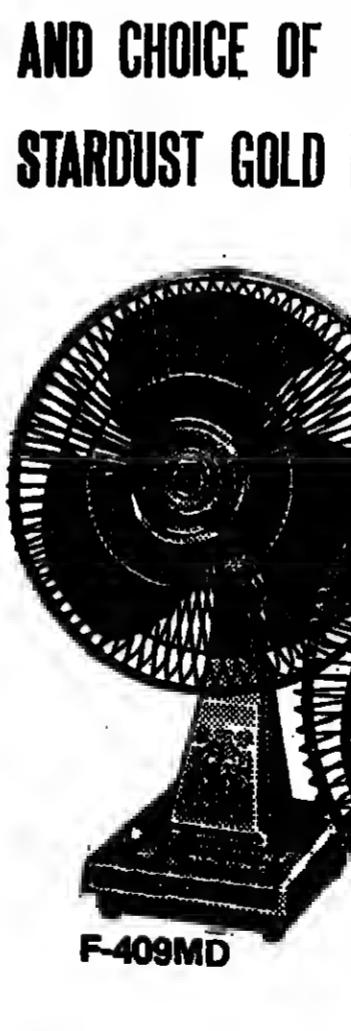


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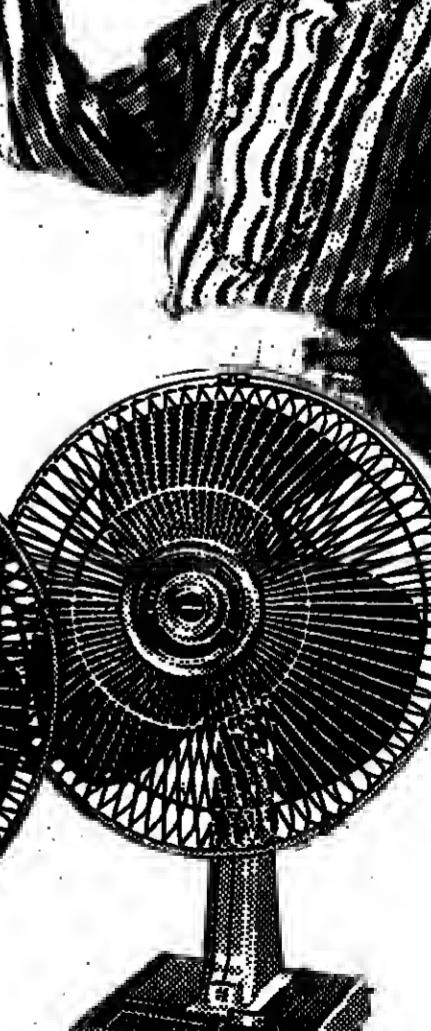
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Student swimmer shows Moscow American might

MOSCOW, July 31 (R) — Fernando Canales of Puerto Rico Monday showed Soviet swimmers that men from the Americas still dominate the world of freestyle swimmers by winning the Spartakiad 100 meters gold medal.

The 19-year-old University of Michigan student just edged Sergei Koplyakov, the Soviet holder of the world's 200 meters record, with a powerful drive over the final 15 meters to win in 51.78 seconds.

The Puerto Rican took up swimming when he was six to regain strength after a crippling illness.

Koplyakov won the silver with 51.87 seconds after leading most of the way but he was unable to match the pace of Canales' finish. Sergei Krasikov was third in 52.27.

Canales, winner of the Pan-American Games silver medal this month, earlier this year became only the eighth man in history to crack 52 seconds for the sprint. He fully expects to be in the Olympic final here next year, but predicts it will take a performance well below Jonty Skinner's present world record of 49.44 seconds to win the gold.

He felt that Koplyakov, Holmertz and whichever three United States swimmers survive the national trials will have to swim under 50 seconds to join him in the final.

Olga Klevakina won her third

personal gold of the meet in capturing the women's 400 meters individual medley in 4:55.88. Irinel Panulescu broke the Romanian national record when she finished second in 5:01.88, ahead of her countrywoman who held it previously, Marianna Parasiky.

Robertas Juipa improved his own Soviet record when he won the men's 200 meters breaststroke in 2:17.59, the third fastest time

in history.

Vladimir Dolgov took the men's 200 meters backstroke in a close finish 2:05.43.

Australia's Michelle Ford looked set to add a third gold medal to her luggage when she was by far the fastest qualifier in the women's 800 meters beats nearly four seconds faster than her nearest rival.

The final of this event, for which Ford briefly held the world mark before surrendering it to fellow Australian Tracey Wickham, takes place on the final night of the gala.

Record Lift

MOSCOW, July 31 (AP) — Yurik Vardanyan of the Soviet Union set a world weightlifting record in the combination event for the up to 85 kilos class at the Spartakiad Monday.

Vardanyan, an Armenian, jerked 175 kilos and pushed 215 kilos for a total of 390 kilos in the competition.

His mark exceeded by five kilos the former record of 385 kilos held by Blagoi Blagoyev of Bulgaria.

SPARTAKIAD: The opening of the Spartakiad, regarded as a warm-up for the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Gloucestershire down Essex has county title in reach

LONDON, July 31 (R) — Essex took a grand stride towards their first county championship in 103 years with a two-day victory over Gloucestershire at Colchester Monday.

Offspinner David Acfield, exploiting a wearing pitch, bowled 40 overs and finished with six for 56 — his best figures of a summer in which team mates have hogged the limelight. In one spell of 15 balls, he took four for five as Gloucestershire subsided from 138 for two.

Their total of 205 set Essex a target of 128 and, though they lost England batsman Graham Gooch for seven, they won with four wickets in hand.

It was their tenth championship win — and the forth in succession.

It leaves them a massive 83 points clear in the county standings. Nottinghamshire could narrow the gap by 10 points if they beat Kent, the holders, at Folkestone, but judging by the way ex-England left-armder Derek Underwood harassed them Monday the prospect is not bright. He took six for 36 and Notts reached 121.

Rival left-arm spinner Mike Bore baffled Kent and his eight for 89 kept Notts in contention. They need 166 to win with eight wickets standing.

In Taunton, a century by Yash-

Welterweight titleholder beats challenge

CHICAGO, July 31 (R) — Mexican Pepino Cuevas Monday night defended his world Boxing Association welterweight championship for the eighth time but was taken 15 rounds by plucky Californian Randy Shields.

Cuevas, nicknamed "Iron Hand" by his supporters, failed to put away the lowly 10th-ranked Shields and had to be content with a unanimous points decision.

The 21-year-old Mexican had not gone more than 11 rounds with seven previous challengers. The last three before Shields lasted only five rounds between them.

Shields, 23, looked wobbly several times during the fight but held on tenaciously and gave Cuevas an unexpected hard battle before 12,000 cheering fans at Chicago's Amphitheater.

It was the Irish-American's first shot at the world title and he looked outclassed and intimidated by Cuevas in the first two rounds. But he came back bravely and kept coming right to the end.

Holmes Surgery

PHILADELPHIA, July 31 (AP) — Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, checked into a hospital Monday to undergo surgery.

Holmes will have a polyp removed from his vocal cords, and is expected to be in hospital several days.

"His doctor doesn't expect any complications and said it will have no effect on his boxing career," the hospital said.

South African blacks call for boycott of title fight

SOWETO, South Africa July 31 (AP) — Militant South African blacks are calling for a boycott of the October heavyweight title bout between black American Jim Tatum and white South African Gerrie Coetzee.

American black activist Jesse Jackson, who led several thousand wildly cheering blacks in chants of "no rights, no fight," on Sunday, joined three influential South African leaders in opposing the fight.

Jackson, a one-time adviser to Dr. Martin Luther King, said the offer of promoters to allow blacks to attend the fight in a whites-only rugby stadium amounts to treating blacks "like whores."

New Hampshire

NORTH CONWAY, New Hampshire July 31 (AP) — Defending champion Eddie Dibbs, the No. five seed, defeated 19-year-old Andre Gomez of Ecuador 6-3, 6-5 Monday in the second day of first-round play at the international tournament at the Mount Cranmore Tennis club.

He would have attended the fight if it had been held in one of the stadiums that is regularly integrated.

"I insist on 24-hour dignity, not just window dressing dignity."

Arum, who heads the American promoting firm Top Rank has demanded that blacks be allowed to see the fight, and that some tickets be offered at prices blacks could afford.

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Bumby hits winner Orioles ruin Brewers

NEW YORK, July 31 (AP) — Steve Stone allowed only one hit — a third-inning homer by Charlie Moore — before needing fast-out relief help from Tippy Martinez, and Al Bumby hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning to lead the Baltimore Orioles to a 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers Monday night.

Moore's homer, his fifth, came on Stone's first pitch of the third inning. The only other Brewer to reach base against Stone, 9-7, was Don Money, who walked in the fifth times — with one out in the fifth and two out in the ninth.

It was after the second walk to Money that Stone was lifted in favor of Martinez, a southpaw who came in to pitch to the left-hand-hitting Cecil Cooper. Martinez got Cooper to loft a ball to left in the first pitch to record his first save this year.

Loser Jim Slaton (10-6) carded a one-hitter into the sixth, but Kiko Garcia singled leading off and one out later Bumby hit a 2-0 pitch for his game-winning home.

In other American League action, Gary Alexander hit a single sparked a three-run eighth and one out later Bumby hit a 2-0 pitch for his game-winning home.

Al Greene's sacrifice fly in the eighth off Jim Kern led the Detroit Tigers to a 6-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Left-hander Larry Gura pitched a three-hitter and Darrel Porter drove in three runs to pace the Kansas City Royals to a 9-0 rout of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Willie Randolph's bases-loaded triple and a solo homer by Lou Piniella powered Tommy John and the New York Yankees to a 7-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Mike Parrott pitched a four-hitter and Willie Horton knocked in six runs with two batters and a single to lead the Seattle Mariners past the California Angels 8-0.

Dave Goltz pitched the Minnesota Twins past the Oakland A's 3-0.

In the National League, San Francisco's Bob Knepper pitched a five-hit shutout in four runs, and the Giants took advantage of a team record seven Hinsburg errors en route to an 8-0 victory over the Astros.

Ed Ott's tie-breaking RBI single sparked a three-run eighth and one out later Bumby hit a 2-0 pitch for his game-winning home.

Ray Knight hit two home runs and Rookie pinch-hitter Harry Spilman smacked in a two-run double in the eighth inning, carrying Cincinnati to a 6-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers and giving the Reds their seventh triumph in eight games.

Manny Trillo lined a base-loaded single with one out in the 10th to give Philadelphia a 5-4 victory.



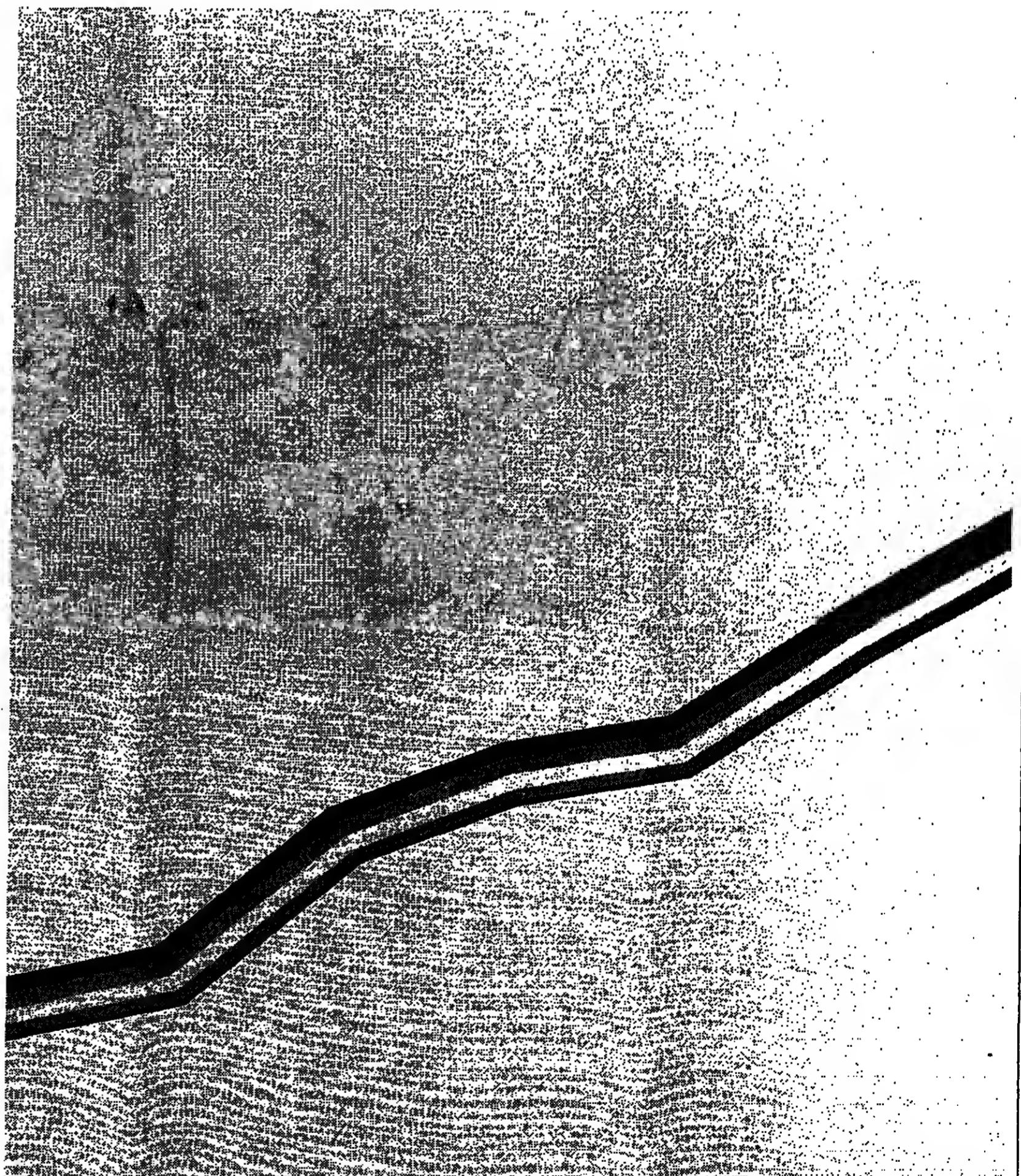
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Dev and Ghavri took an early wicket each before Slocum and Roebuck put on 56 in an hour.

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Madrid's leading newspaper is a sign of change in Spain

By Kevin Dunn

MADRID —

On May 4, 1976, a new daily newspaper appeared in Madrid with a bold editorial demanding a return to democracy in post-Franco Spain.

Today, three years and 1,000 issues later, the transition to democracy is complete and the newspaper "El País," has cause to celebrate.

In a country in which more than 100 dailies are chasing one of the lowest per capita newspaperships in Western Europe, "El País" (the country) has acquired the second highest circulation and made a profit.

It has also established a high reputation for honest and independent reporting and become essential reading for politicians, businessmen and intellectuals.

The 34-year-old editor, Juan Luis Cebrian, attributes the paper's success to its modern image.

"From the beginning we wanted to produce a newspaper which did not bear the stigma of the past and was aimed at a new generation of readers who did not live through the (1936-39) civil war," Cebrian said in an interview.

"We aimed to be staunch promoters of democratic change, pro-European, non-religious and defenders of the forgotten sections of society such as women and minority groups."

The newspaper was the first to call for an amnesty for political prisoners and the legalization of all political parties. It was also the first — and so far only — daily newspaper to suffer casualties in a bomb attack.

Last October, one employee was killed and two were seriously injured when a parcel bomb exploded in the newspaper's mail sorting room.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack

and nine months later, Cebrian says he has still heard nothing from police investigating the blast. He attributes it to ultra-rightists.

The newspaper was founded six years ago but was not allowed to publish until after the death in November, 1975, of dictator Francisco Franco.

Its first editorial, bitterly attacking the government of then Prime Minister Carlos Arias Navarro, clearly set the newspaper's course.

"The people are in constant and prolonged expectation of a political change which has not occurred," it declared.

Two months later, King Juan Carlos dismissed the prime minister, appointed Adolfo Suarez in his place, and the transition from dictatorship to democracy got under way.

"What has happened is that the political transition has been identified with the evolution of "El País," Cebrian said.

"The paper became a symbol of the construction of democratic freedom."

He added, "I believe "El País" is the only platform in the daily press which gives space to all opinions and allows minorities to express themselves."

In response to criticism that the newspaper's political line has wavered in its three-year life, Cebrian said: "that is not a defect, that is a proof of honesty."

He said, "There have been so many vacillations and stumbles in the past three years in Spain that it is logical for a newspaper which tries to capture the reality of the country to reflect the hesitancy and uncertainty."

"El País" currently has an average daily sale — mainly in Madrid — of 146,000 which rises to 202,000 on Sundays when it includes a color supplement.

Cebrian hopes it will shortly overtake the Barcelona newspaper "La Vanguardia" to become Spain's biggest-selling daily. — (R)

Revolution in the Caribbean: New U.S. nightmare

By John Goshko

and reverting to a cold war mentality. In particular, they cite a need to avoid needlessly disturbing the fruitful movement toward U.S. rapprochement with Cuba or giving Caribbean countries the impression that the United States wants to assert hegemony over the region.

The officials admit that the administration's reawakened interest in the Caribbean has strong "containment of Cuba" overtones. But they add, the situation also has a more far-reaching effect — redirecting Washington's attention to the stability and well-being of an area sometimes called "America's third border."

When the Carter administration entered office, it announced that a main foreign policy goal would be priority attention for the Caribbean, and two years ago, it sent United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young on a heavily publicized tour of the area.

Despite those good intentions, though, the administration was forced by more immediate problems in other parts of the world to put that policy on the back burner, and it has never really come to grips with the realities of the Caribbean.

In talking about the region, U.S. policymakers mean not just the string of islands stretching 2,000 miles through the Caribbean Sea between the Bahamas and Trinidad. They are referring to a larger "Caribbean Basin" that includes Mexico, Central America and northern South America.

In addition to its obvious strategic relationship to the Panama Canal and international shipping routes, the region is an important center of trade and investment, providing, among other things, two-thirds of the bauxite required by the U.S. aluminum industry and refining 25 per cent of the oil entering the United States.

From another standpoint, the area's high unemployment has made it second only to Mexico as a source of illegal aliens in the United States. It also is the route across which most illegal narcotics enter the eastern half of the country.

While the countries are small, collectively they add up to a sizable bloc of votes in the United Nations and regional bodies like the Organization of American States. Some — notably Jamaica, Venezuela, Mexico and Barbados — also command considerable influence in Third World circles.

Now, the rumblings in the eastern Caribbean — coupled with the strife in Nicaragua and El Salvador on the Western flank — causes U.S. officials to worry increasingly about what some call "concentric circles of potential trouble."

That's a reference to the possibility of upheaval producing radically inclined regimes on the smaller islands that might spread to larger countries like Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic and Balkanize the region with antagonistic political and economic systems.

Noting descriptions of the Middle East and Southern Asia as an "arc of crisis," one official says: "There's not an island in the Caribbean that couldn't go the way of Grenada within five years. If you take Central America as the western point and

the ministrates as the eastern line, you could say we've got the potential for a "circle of crisis" right on our doorstep."

Increasingly, such talk is heard at the highest levels of the administration. President Carter, addressing Congress June 18 after his return from the Vienna Summit, cited increasing Cuban activity in the Caribbean. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has said repeatedly, publicly and privately, that he intends to make the Caribbean one of his highest priorities during the year and a half that he plans to remain in office.

One key sign of Vance's interest has been the recall to active service of Philip Habib, who, before being sidelined by a heart attack last year, was Vance's undersecretary for political affairs and perhaps his most influential subordinate.

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Now, the rum



The big moment: arrival of the bride and groom

Arabian wedding nights

By Kay Hardy Campbell

JEDDAH — It's wedding season in Arabia. Families throughout the Kingdom are preparing for the week-long celebrations that every new Arabian couple enjoys. Dress-shop windows are decorated with elaborate gowns of organdy, satin, chiffon, lace, ruffles and flounces to entice brides-to-be and their families. As each wedding is celebrated in several phases, the brides don different gowns each night, so seamstresses' sewing machines won't stop humming until the season tapers off at the end of autumn.

Already wedding lights are strung about the cities and villages. Driving by the open gate of a lit-up villa you can spot groups of men reclining on oriental carpets smoking ouarghahs while the ladies celebrate separately inside, or on the roof. Strains of drums and singing filter faintly from the rooftops to the streets below.

Weddings here are a truly festive rite. Some fortunate foreigners are invited to join the families in their celebrations, giving them a unique glimpse of Saudi family life.

Expatriate wives are sometimes invited to the "ladies only" gala event, "Lailat al-Zaffaf" — or Wedding Night. This party, attended by 200 or 300 guests, is the last and most climactic evening of the festivities, when the ladies

gather to sing, to dance and to wish the bride and groom well in their new life together.

It is on the high-walled roofs of apartment buildings, in villa gardens, hotel conference rooms or special wedding gardens like Jeddah's "Hadecat al-Afrab" (Festival Garden) where these parties are given.

A stage is set up on one side of the party area, with hundreds of chairs facing it. Wedding lights are strung everywhere: on the walls, up posts, over doorways. The buildings themselves seem to blossom for the occasion.

Most parties start officially at eight or nine, yet at ten o'clock only the early birds have arrived to get front-row seats. By midnight most guests have appeared and found their seats, after warmly greeting their aunts, cousins, great-aunts, grandmothers and friends.

In Arabian urban centers, families of diverse regional backgrounds are now intermarrying. "Hadrami" brides and "Najdi" grooms blend their wedding traditions, making each Zafaf a unique mixture of guests, costumes, jewelry and accents.

Formal wear is de rigueur. The ladies don their finest jewels. In the cities, gold renditions of traditional Arabian jewelry are popular, as well as Western-style jewelry ensembles (at the very

least lightly sprinkled with gems). In rural areas and among the bedouin, traditional silver is worn for special occasions. But in the cities this type of finery is uncommon.

On the palms of the elderly ladies you can glimpse henna decorations: a rosy red star or "Hila" (Crescent Moon) are typical patterns in the Jeddah area, brought to the city from the countryside.

As the guests gather, the flow of refreshments begins. Cardamom coffee, sweet tea, fruit juice, soft drinks, mineral water, candies and nuts are graciously passed by cheerful friends of the bride's family. This constant refreshment sustains until dinner is served after the bride's arrival — which may be close to dawn at many gatherings.

The musicians have come by 1 a.m., carrying drums, tambourines and lutes under their arms. The women's orchestras usually consist of one lead singer — one for her voice and the other for her lute.

There are hundreds of such groups in Arabia. Some have gained fame throughout the Gulf, others are girls still in their teens known only locally. But there are certainly enough adept artists to play for the thousands of weddings held each year.

Drums are unwrapped, seats are arranged and microphones tested at a leisurely pace. One woman begins to tighten each drum skin by tapping it lightly over her portable brass or silver charcoal burner filled with red-hot coals (mashkha). The players gradually get settled, drinking a last glass of water before starting.

Several guests set up their tape-recorders around the musicians, who don't seem to mind, since it's all free publicity.

The muthribah tunes her lute. Then, slowly, she begins to play, plucking out the melody of the first musical phrase in an elaborate manner to establish the song's key (magam). Repeating the phrase, the percussion joins in and the singing is under way.

Each song lasts between ten and 20 minutes. Some are very repetitive, using one melodic line throughout the entire piece. Others are very complex in both rhythm and melody. The slow numbers are usually tragic love songs; the repetitive pieces are more light-hearted.

The lively ones soon have the guests in the mood to folk-dance. Pairs of girls begin to step, mirroring each other's movements in seemingly effortless improvisation, back and forth across the stage before the musicians.

The dances themselves range from simple side-to-side sways to complex affairs involving



Girl in full-length fustan, or dancing dress



Traditional wedding procession by Sofia Sia Zagr

legs, converse quietly and wait patiently for the fun to begin again.

Great-grandmothers and great-aunts are sometimes thoughtful at these moments, sitting motionless in their chairs, perhaps recalling with nostalgia the wedding parties of their youth. Yet they participate actively in the festivities, clapping out complex syncopated rhythms to the music, and instructing the refreshment-servers to collect empty tea glasses from one group of ladies and to serve juice to another. They also engage their young relatives in conversation, enquiring about their plans and family news.

Foreigners who are invited to these affairs are well looked after. Saudi hospitality dictates that everyone be made to feel as though they are the guest of honor. Women who speak just two or three words of Arabic will

find themselves surrounded by girls who have studied English, who will ply them with questions in return for explanations about the goings-on. Even if you can say no more than a hello, someone will invariably break the ice with a friendly smile. Or you will be taken by the hand to sit with someone who does speak English; among the numbers of wedding guests in the cities, someone certainly will.

The singing, dancing and conversation continues until the small hours. Some guests often excuse themselves before the bride and groom arrive — especially if this is after 3 a.m. But waiting for the bridal procession is worth it, for you then realize the purpose of the whole zafaf: well-wishing the bridal couple with song and dance.

During one of the long singing breaks you will hear a distant, high-pitched pounding. It takes

about five minutes for the bridal procession to arrive in the party room, pounding is made on tambourines, and is accompanied by the singing of women in the procession. Surrounding the bridal couple are small children carrying large thick candles.

Slowly, the procession makes its way to the platform. When its members are seated facing the guests, the songs and dancing begin anew, with lyrics congratulating the bride and groom and wishing them happiness. The bridal couple departs after 20 minutes or so. Then the guests promptly descend upon the sumptuous buffet dinner, with every imaginable Middle Eastern dish.

They arrive home as the early-morning traffic starts to pick up, and as the sun casts its first long, cool shadows across the walking city.



Among the bedouin, silver jewelry is worn for special occasions



Rhythmic bedouin dance (Kuwait)

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TO THE RESCUE : The great adventure is over for Top Cat Charlie. After seven dizzy days trapped high in a tree, he looked perfectly fit — if not a bit smug — as he relaxed in the arms of his owner, seven-year-old Amanda. For 36 hours Britain's army of cat-lovers had worried over how to get him down. Charlie was worried too, as the ideas got wilder and wilder... One plan was to call the R.A.F. but short of an air-to-air missile it was difficult to see what they could do. Someone thought of holding a barbecue under the tree — to tempt Charlie down with the aroma. But in the end a buzz-saw did the trick. Charlie finally made it down, highly indignant, but safe.



I JUST CAN'T BEAR IT : Camera shy and a bit nervous, Chinook makes her debut at the Whipsnade Park Zoo in Bedfordshire, England. When you're a five-month-old polar bear making your first public appearance, everything has to be just right. So it was for Chinook. Even "Mother Nature" cooperated, providing snow for the March 13 grand debut. The weather was just fine for the 401 pound youngster who snuggled up to mom for the occasion. Mom, who prefers to be called Moss, seemed a bit bored by the whole thing. Polar bears have a gestation period slightly less than humans, an average of 240 days. The longevity of the Polar bear is an average of 20 years.

PIGGYBACK CRAWL : If you happen to visit this zoo in England you could be in for a shell shock! For lumbering on the open rocks is one of the unlikeliest double acts in the reptilian world. They are tortoises. The large one is about 80 years-old and the piggyback is refusing to tell her age. Even though these two are from different countries they hit it off well and have become inseparable.



GORILLA COMMUTER SERVICE : It is said that gorillas are humans... and at the San Diego Animal Park in California anthropologists (and sometimes just ordinary tourists) view the gorillas at play. The photo clearly illustrates the gorilla's notion of rapid public transportation! Actually it is the standard way that a mother gorilla carries her offspring about. A curious fact about gorillas is that only the mother will allow a youngster on her back. If the kid tried that with pop he may well find himself hospitalized for awhile. Like man, the male gorilla is often heard saying... will you get off my back!



GOING UP, OR COMING DOWN : This dog was last seen being carried off by a fast moving stick. No, in reality the dog is catching the stick while performing for his master in the Alpine region of Central Switzerland. Aptly the dog is named "High Flyer" and his owner says he can leap 15 feet easily. In this photo, High Flyer seems to be defying the laws of gravity as he takes off into orbit above the Alps.



HERE'S A FISHY STORY : The boy is holding a catch of Tilapia fish. These fish could well revolutionize fish farming. Scotland's Stirling University Aquatic Pathobiology Unit has discovered that a "simple sex change" operation can produce only male fish, which grow much faster than females and could boost food supplies for the Third World.



YOU'RE NOT SO CUTE EITHER : Consider... is the pelican a bird of beauty? Can it compare with the bald eagle in majestic flight? Or the falcon as it swoops on its prey? Perhaps not... but the humble bird, with the beak that would do justice to the Concorde and flat feet (webbed of course) is one that inspires warmth and deep feeling — not to mention reminding you of Jiminy Durante!

Although gregarious by nature they are certainly not camera shy as this friendly fowl poses for the photographer (bottom photo) on his own, on the banks of Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park, London.

The top photo shows our Miss Photogenic's playmates as they bask in the winter sunshine of Hyde Park. Not all pelicans are as friendly as our Miss Photogenic. Several attempts to interview the others failed. When they were asked what they thought of Hyde Park, and the winter sun, they just kept their bills close to their chests!

Kuwait said cutting crude liftings by 25%

KUWAIT, July 31 (AP) — Kuwait plans to cut oil production by a quarter, from two million barrels to 1.5 million, oil industry sources said Tuesday.

The reduction was decided in view of an anticipated oil surplus on the world market and to conserve supplies, stated the sources that did not wish to be identified. They did not give a date for the change.

The decision followed reports by industry analysts in New York that oil producers planned such a move in an attempt to maintain current high prices.

But analysts skeptical

Dollar makes new gains as gold slips

LONDON, July 31 (AP) — The dollar made sharp gains against key European currencies Tuesday in "thin" currency trading. But analysts noted that the rally could be short-lived.

The price of gold fell in Zurich and London, Europe's main bullion markets, between \$5.50 and \$7.00 an ounce in early trading.

Broker cited the dollar's upswing and technical factors, such as profit-taking after bullion's big

Inflation, interest blamed

Market stays unchanged

NEW YORK, July 31 — Fear of continued inflation and higher interest rates contributed to the market's remaining unchanged. At the close, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 1.02, transports gained 39 and utilities lost 13. Volume of trading was 28.6 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side as gainers outnumbered losers by a small margin. The American Exchange Index lost .20.

Gold and futures issues advanced with Humans up 1% to 32%, Digital Equipment added 1% to 55%, IBM gained 1% to 49%, MA Com added 1% to 22%, McDonald's up 1% to 47%, and ABC plus 1% to 45.

Energy stocks were mixed with Freeport up 1% to 37, Mexco lost 1% to 106%, Royal Dutch fell 1% in

The analysts said a glut of oil on the world market could undermine the price structure decided on by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries last month.

They said world oil supply and demand are moving towards a balance after the shortage in the first half of the year caused by the Iranian revolution. They speculate the balance could cause a market glut, if demand stays moderate, in view of the steep increase in the price of oil that has risen 42 per cent this year.

Algeria seen not reducing oil exports

ALGIERS, July 31 (R) — Foreign press reports that Algeria was cutting oil exports by some 20 per cent have been discounted by Western diplomats in Algiers.

They said Monday the recent decrease in Algerian oil exports was only temporary and due to technical problems at the main Saharan oil field of Hassi Messaoud.

A medium-sized producer, Algeria's output now is just over a million barrels a day of crude oil, not far below its average production.



Energy package of \$3.4b goes through U.S. House

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives Monday voted a \$3.4 billion energy package aimed at reducing dependence on foreign crude through conservation and development of synthetic fuels.

Targets for the appropriations bill were such Department of Energy programs as conservation, development of oil shale reserves and conversion of the country's abundant coal reserves to gas and fuel oil.

The House sent the bill to the Senate on a 344-42 vote.

Some \$141 million was included for federal payments to the Husky Oil Co. to drill five more test wells in the national petroleum reserve in Alaska.

Also approved was \$45 million

toward the eventual \$1.2 billion cost of two coal conversion plants in West Virginia and Kentucky, although President Jimmy Carter favors paying for the plants with revenue from a so-called windfall profits tax he wants imposed on oil companies.

The energy package was part of a \$10 billion bill which appropriated money as well for programs of the Interior Department and U.S. forest service.

China to start new economic adjustment plan

PEKING, July 31 (AP) — China's three-year readjustment program will overcome the imbalances between agriculture and industry and steadily boost the economy.

An article in the "People's Daily," Monday said, "While there will be increases or decreases and advances or retreats in some areas or departments, the national economy as a whole will steadily advance at a certain pace. The present readjustment drive comes at a time when the national economy is rising steadily," wrote Ho Jianzhang, commenting in Monday's editions of the paper. He is a member of the economic research department of the state council's planning commission.

"It is a decisive and conscious measure to overcome imbalances that have been discovered in good time," he said.

He said this readjustment is very different from that of the early 1960s when both industrial and agricultural production had dropped. Today, Ho said, both agriculture and industry have stronger bases.

The readjustment emphasizes the development of agriculture and light industry before heavy industry. Currently the expansion of agriculture lags behind the needs of the population and the faster growth of industry.

Furthermore, he said, various industrial sectors are out of balance. Fuel, power and raw materials industries have not kept pace with processing industries.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Currency

Rate

U.S. Dollar	3.3685
Pound Sterling	7.73
100 Deutsche Mark	183.84
Dutch Guilder	167.37
100 Swiss Franc	203.03
100 French Franc	79.03
Belgian Franc	11.72
1000 Italian Lira	4.15
100 Danish Krone	64.53
Swedish Krone	80.20
100 Norwegian Krone	66.77
100 Japanese Yen	15.59
Egyptian Pound	4.69
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	11.27
Bahraini Dinar	8.87
1000 Lebanese Lira	103.86
100 Syrian Lira	86.48
100 Qatar Riyal	89.97
100 Yemeni Riyal	74.00
Emirates Dirhams	88.58
100 Indian Rupee	43.27
100 Pakistani Rupee	34.11
Southern Dinars	9.67
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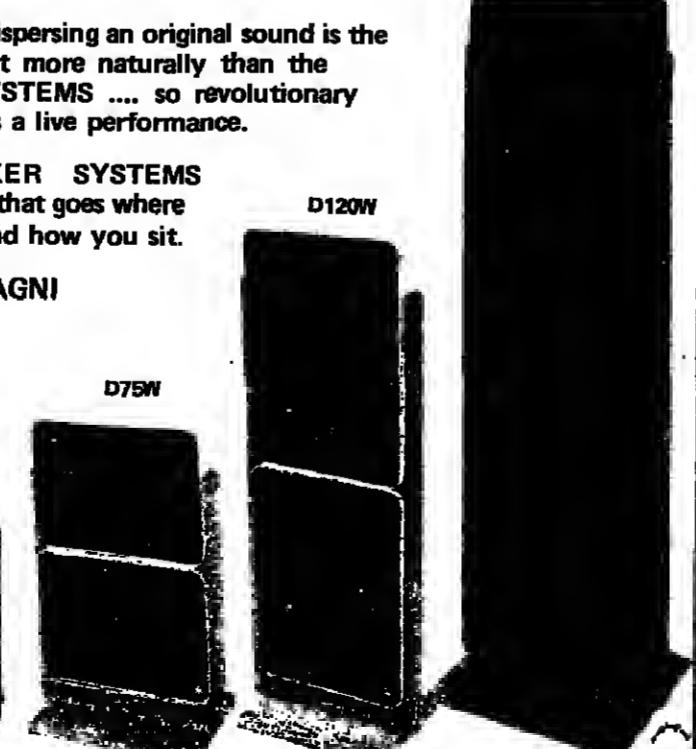
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Oil goes round 'n' round

Rotterdam Spot Market booming

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands July 31 (AP) — Telephones jangle while nervous underlings rush in and out of the small wood-paneled office, carrying little white slips of paper that stand in place of thousands of tons of oil products in Rotterdam tanks and on Rhine River barges.

The desk of the oil trader is awash with red-print copies of telexed deals on gasoline, naphtha and fuel oil.

"You can't eat gold and paper money won't heat your home," said the trader. "Oil is the greatest product in the world. I'm in a competitive, speculative market — and let's be honest — I've made some money. ... I built this business myself and I knew times when you couldn't sell a drop of oil to survive. But now — it's fun."

The trader, a well-dressed and assured man in his early 40s, and his assistant argue over the capacity of some oil tanks. The trader peers out a few figures on his paper-thin calculator and barks the record of his quarter-million-dollar deal into his mini-cassette. He makes a phone call. Sends a telex and the trade is clinched.

The spot oil trader and his market — the dealings in oil that are not tied down to long-term contracts, as almost 95 percent of the world's oil trade is — have come under increased scrutiny due to the explosion of oil prices in recent months.

In Rotterdam, he works in unimpressive surroundings — offices tucked behind shopping centers or car dealerships in the cement honeycomb of streets that surround the huge docks, tanks and warehouses of the largest port on the world. But his "spot market" is invisible — he doesn't meet other traders or make deals, but places calls and telexes to other dealers, brokers, traders or oil firms who may be located

around the world in such places as Singapore, New York, Hamburg, Milan and London.

Following the revolution in Iran and the removal from the market of the world's second largest oil producer, after Saudi Arabia, every drop of oil came into competition. In the space of days, oil on the spot market jumped from \$20 a barrel to \$38, against the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' suggested price of \$14.95. Taking the spot market prices as a cue, special premiums were demanded by several oil-producing nations, and eventually OPEC raised its price ceiling to \$23.51.

European Common Market officials report that activity on the spot market has increased from 5 to 8 per cent in the first six months of this year, and trade sources in London have reported that some OPEC countries have sought to re-negotiate spot market prices "because there is a great deal of ignorance" about its workings.

Canada economic strength reportedly may taper off

PARIS, July 31 (AP) — Canadian economic growth should remain at about 3.5 per cent through the first half of this year but eventually will be affected by the slower growth of output and imports among its main trading partners, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reported Monday.

In its annual survey of Canada, the 24-member OECD, made up of the world's major non-Communist nations, said the short-term impact of oil price hikes is likely to be felt less in Canada than other Western nations.

Total domestic demand could expand by 3.5 per cent on average in 1979, compared with a growth of 2.6 per cent last year, firming to an annual rate of 4 per cent in the first six months of 1980.

Industrial production is likely to be "buoyant" and output in certain sectors such as steel, textiles and pulp and paper could be restrained by physical capacity limitations rather than demand, the report said.

Unemployment may rise to 8.5 per cent of the labor force in the second half of this year from 8 per cent in the first half and remain at that level through the first half of 1980, the survey said.

Imports and exports of goods and services are both forecast to rise by 6 per cent this year after increases of 4.1 and 8.5 per cent respectively in 1978.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Medina	Equipment for environmental health laboratory	13	200	July 31
" " "	Repairs to the slaughter-house	15	2000	Aug. 4
" " "	Supply of garbage incinerators	16	300	Aug. 4
Municipality of Qadith	Cleaning of town and adjacent areas		1000	Aug. 6
Municipality of Mecca	Demolition of dilapidated houses and removal of rubble	7	500	Aug. 6
" " "	Maintenance of permanent lavatories	8	100	Aug. 6

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Interbank Spot Dollar Rates at London as quoted by Bank of America IFC London

July 26 Range

US Dollar	1.5941-1.5942
Australian Dollar	1.15941
Austrian Schilling	17.0572-17.0573
Belgian Franc	1.51383
Canadian Dollar	1.51383
Chinese Yuan	1.20000
French Franc	5.54085
German Mark	5.54085
Italian Lira	92.2066
Iraqi Dinar	1.04871
Irish Pound	2.10149-2.10150
Japanese Yen	120.15-120.16
Dutch Guilder	2.61073
Swedish Krona	0.55496
Norwegian Krone	0.56439
Portuguese Escudo	0.622265
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As meeting starts today

Commonwealth split looms larger

LUSAKA, July 31 (AP) — Billing the biennial Commonwealth summit as the only real dialogue between the rich and poor nations of the world, Commonwealth official said Tuesday that the avoidance of a split in the 39-nation association over Zimbabwe Rhodesia will be an achievement in itself.

Commonwealth Secretary General Shridath Ramphal was speaking as behind-the-scenes maneuvering aimed at avoiding an all-out row intensified here on the eve of the weeklong summit.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was again the center of renewed attacks in Zambia's state-controlled press Tuesday.

Ramphal told more than 200 journalists who have converged on this central African nation on the frontline of the war in Zimbabwe Rhodesia, "the Commonwealth has shown a great capacity to outlive its transient threats."

The former foreign minister of Guyana, who is the Commonwealth's top career official, said there was no expectation of "getting it all together" on the Zimbabwe Rhodesian issue at the summit.



Abel Muzorewa



Margaret Thatcher

What was sought, he said, was "convergence of opinion on the way forward" on Rhodesia.

His remarks underlined the opinion of some observers that Commonwealth nations will seek to overcome the immediate threat of division with a wide-ranging end of conference communiqué rather than a definite action plan on Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

Ramphal added: "I would think that achieving the avoidance of a split was an achievement."

Major industrialized Western nations met in Tokyo last month and the poor would confer in

"Before it's too late"

SALT II backed by Kissinger

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, saying the "military balance is beginning to tilt ominously against the United States," Tuesday gave his highly qualified endorsement of the SALT II Treaty. (See related story, Page 4)

In a long-awaited appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Kissinger said:

"After much reflection I have concluded that I can support ratification only with three conditions:

"First, if it is coupled with a defense program representing an obligatory understanding between the Congress and the President which overcomes an urgent basic the grave peril posed by the current military balance.

"Second, if it is accompanied by amendments — not requiring renegotiation — clearing up ambiguities in the Treaty, defining the status of the protocol, the meaning of noncircumvention, and setting guidelines for follow-on negotiations.

"And third, if it is accompanied by a vigorous expression of the Senate's view of the linkage between SALT and Soviet geopolitical conduct."

Kissinger strongly opposed efforts to amend the Treaty in ways that would force reopening of negotiations with the Soviet Union.

But Tel Aviv says no

Israel cops demand union

TEL AVIV, July 31 (AP) — Israel's parliament on Monday prohibited the country's policemen from forming a union, and angry organizers called a demonstration for Tuesday outside the parliament building.

The new law bans establishment of the fledgling union, which began organizing last year and now claims the support of at least 5,000 of Israel's 14,000 policemen. Officials opposed the union on the grounds that a police strike could jeopardize the country's security.

Police commanders initially took disciplinary action against several union organizers. But earlier this year the supreme court ruled that policemen had the right to organize under law, prompting the government to introduce legisla-



Henry Kissinger

He singled out the suggestion that the Senate include a provision requiring the Soviets to reduce their force of giant SS-18 missiles, far larger than any in the U.S. arsenal.

"Such amendments are almost certain to be rejected by the Soviets," he said, adding that reopening negotiations could delay the buildup of U.S. forces.

"We might thus wind up with-

Sithole rejoins Rhodesia government after boycott

SALISBURY, July 31 (AP) — Ndabaningi Sithole announced Tuesday his political head had ended his boycott of the two-month-old government, strengthening Prime Minister Abel

Muzorewa's case for international recognition.

Sithole, Muzorewa's chief political rival inside the country, announced he and his 11 elected members of parliament would take their seats in the 100-strong National Assembly one day before the opening of the Commonwealth conference in neighboring Zambia.

Sithole told a news conference his Zimbabwe African National Union was satisfied it had made its point about alleged "gross irregularities" in the universal suffrage vote in April.

Explaining his decision to end the boycott, Sithole said the government of national unity — 72 blacks of three rival parties and 26 whites — was losing momentum.

ZANU, he asserted, would strengthen the government by joining it to "rescue African interests now being dangerously compromised."

The ZANU boycott weakened Muzorewa's claims to speak for the seven million Zimbabwe Rhodesians.

In addition to fighting conventional crime, Israeli police share responsibility with the army for protection against commando attacks. They complain of low pay and poor working conditions and say they deserve the same right to organize as other Israeli workers and policemen in other Western countries.

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U.S. Coast Guard recruits pigeons for spotting duty

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard's search and rescue service is getting a flock of shaggy recruits who might otherwise be loitering in city parks looking for handouts.

The recruits are pigeons being trained at a U.S. Navy laboratory on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai as "Rescue Squads" under a \$145,000 two-year program.

Ten birds are expected to be ready for flight duty in October, after undergoing training as Coast Guard aerial spotters, the Washington Post said Tuesday.

Three pigeons trained in an earlier experimental program proved to be far superior to humans in spotting floating targets in the Pacific Ocean, said a new report by the Naval Ocean Systems Laboratory.

On 89 test runs, it said, the pigeons spotted 90 per cent of the targets and signaled the pilot by pecking on a special pedal. By contrast, members of the air crew found only 38 per cent of the targets. And the birds found the targets first nearly every time.



AP photo
BARBECUE: A recent collision between two tractor trailers on New York's George Washington Bridge was quite a picnic. One of the trucks contained cleaned chicken parts, and the other was a load of barbecue sauce. Only problem was that the resulting dish was too hot to eat.

Portugal's new premier names cabinet selections

LISBON, July 31 (AP) — Premier-designate Mario De Lourdes Pintassilgo announced formation of a new government on Monday, 11 days after she was given the responsibility of seeing the country through autumn elections.

Miss Pintassilgo, 49, picked by President Antonio Ramalho Eanes on July 19 to form Portugal's third non-party executive in less than a year, finished picking her cabinet last Friday and submitted the list to Eanes over the weekend. She was scheduled to present the cabinet at a news conference Tuesday.

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